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Statement on Governor Walker’s Casino Update *Wisconsin Family Action President Julaine Appling*

MADISON – Wisconsin Family Action President Julaine Appling released the following statement regarding Governor Walker’s recent [update](#) on the Kenosha Casino application.

“Wisconsin Family Action was pleased to learn that the Kenosha Casino application may be denied due to the fiscal impact on the state budget that could result from the compact amendments signed by Governor Doyle. We are, however, disappointed that Governor Walker appears to have abandoned his promise to Wisconsin voters not to approve a new casino if it would expand gambling in Wisconsin and has, in general, set aside the criteria he adamantly supported just a year ago.

“We are also concerned that an existing Memorandum of Understanding between the Menomonee Tribe and the United Food and Commercial Workers Union (UFCW) and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) would strip workers of their rights by not allowing them to cast a secret ballot during a vote on whether or not to unionize.

“Last month Wisconsin Family Action asked Department of Administration (DOA) Secretary Mike Huebsch to indicate whether the Memorandum of Understanding would be legally binding if Governor Walker approves the new casino. On Friday, Secretary Huebsch responded by saying that the DOA does ‘not have any records responsive to [our] request.’ It is both disturbing and disappointing that neither the Walker Administration nor the tribes proposing the new casino will tell the public whether or not such an agreement exists.

“The legislature should engage the tribe and the administration on this issue and if necessary, pass legislation to ensure that Wisconsin workers can never be stripped of their right to a secret ballot, no matter what previous agreements have been signed.

“The longer this issue drags on, the more we learn that disturbs us. The bottom line is Wisconsin and her best resource—families—don’t need another casino. The evidence is mounting that this proposed casino is a really bad bet for our state.”

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